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1. Conditions in the Bucharest area, as indeed throughout the country, have been steadily deteriorating since 1945, but this process was suddenly accelerated with effect from the end of 1950.
2. This is mainly due to: -
 - a. Rising prices of all consumer goods while wages and salaries have remained at the same level.
 - b. Increased exports of food and manufactured goods to the USSR. Flour has been No. 1 priority for export to the Soviet Union since early 1951; as a result, flour is now distributed only twice a year, for example, Easter and Christmas holidays, at 1 Kg. per family regardless of size.
3. The 1951 harvest in Rumania was the best since 1939, far exceeding all expectations. Even so there is no sign of any additional food being available in the country, and it has since become common knowledge that almost everything has already been exported to the USSR.
4. This has ensued in increased nationalism and hatred of anything Soviet; both attitudes already strong even among the Rumanian Communists, and also in growing desire for war.
5. The people are firmly convinced that war is the only possible way of liberating their country. It is fully realized that the Soviet Union is numerically superior, but the technical superiority of the West is such that the Soviet Union could not possibly win the war under the present circumstances. It is widely believed, however, that time is entirely on the side of the Soviets, and the average Rumanian is currently experiencing considerable fears lest the Western nations should continue in their efforts to procrastinate the inevitable war too long.

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6. The following are average monthly wages and salaries (in lei) of representative categories of employees: -

Category	Rumanians		Soviets	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Factory Directors	28,000	40,000	150,000	200,000
Assistant Directors	18,000	20,000	Not	Known
Engineers	22,000	28,000	100,000	150,000
Foremen	10,000	15,000		
Draughtsmen) Accountants)	15,000	18,000		
Workers	3,500	8,000		
Apprentices	3,000	4,000		
School Teachers	7,400	8,200		
Civil Servants, i.e.) accountants & heads) of departments)	14,000	18,000		
Secretarial Staff, incl.) shorthand typists)	Approx.	8,000		
Bus drivers and) conductors)	6,000	8,000		
Railroad engineer	6,000	8,000		
Shop assistants	8,000	9,000		
Waiters (male & female)	8,000	9,000		
House servants	None known to exist.			
Doctors - State practice	16,000	18,000		
Dentists - State practice	12,000	14,000		

N.B. : - Tipping is strictly prohibited in all catering establishments.

N.B. : - Most doctors, however, have also a private practice, earning normally between 40,000 and 50,000 lei per month. The normal charge is 500 lei per visit.

N.B. : - Like doctors, practically all dentists have also a private practice. A normal filling costs 1000 lei.

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7. The following compulsory deductions are known to be made from the wage of a worker earning 8,000 lei per month: -
- 10 lei per month for Trade Union membership.
 - 500 lei per month for the Scanteia and the Viata Sindicala newspapers. Of this sum the newspapers retain 240 lei, and the remaining 260 lei are paid to the State as a form of income tax.

No deductions are made for income tax, nor for any form of national health insurance.

8. Housing Facilities:

- Housing accommodations are very limited and strictly controlled through the medium of the Accommodation Control Office (Oficiu De Inchirie Spatiu Locative), a department of the Ministry of Interior. A married couple without children is normally allotted one room, sharing kitchen, toilet and, if available, a bathroom with the occupants of the other rooms in the flat or house.
- In Bucharest, the Accommodation Control Office has a branch office in every quarter of the city; smaller towns and villages usually have one office only. These offices keep a register and detailed plans of every existing room within their area of responsibility. Accommodation can be obtained only on application to these offices. An ordinary typewritten form is used for this purpose. Party and Government officials are per force given preferential treatment. If any of these requires accommodation, and a suitable place is currently occupied by an unemployed person, a private employee or a non-Party member, the latter is evicted on 24 hours notice. He receives no assistance from the authorities to find an alternative, but can apply to the Accommodation Control Office in the normal manner.
- Single people, especially State employees (including students et cetera,) are usually accommodated in hotels.
- Nobody is allowed to move from one place of abode to another without prior approval by the Accommodation Control Office.
- Lodgers are permitted, but they must be registered in the normal manner with the above-mentioned office and pay for their accommodation to the State and not to the landlord. The latter consequently seldom accepts lodgers.
- It is not possible to live illegally owing to frequent checks by the Militia. Even temporary guests must be registered with the Militia within 24 hours of arrival.

9. Furniture is expensive. Average prices for medium quality new furniture are as follows: -

Wardrobe	15,000 lei
Double bed (without mattress)	15,000 lei
Mattresses	10,000 to 25,000 lei

10. Practically all foreigners had been given the choice of accepting Rumanian nationality or being expelled. Western nationals are allowed to take with them all their possessions including furniture, but no jewelry, gold or gold watches. Greeks, Armenians, and Jews are allowed 40 kgs. of luggage per person only.

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